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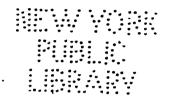
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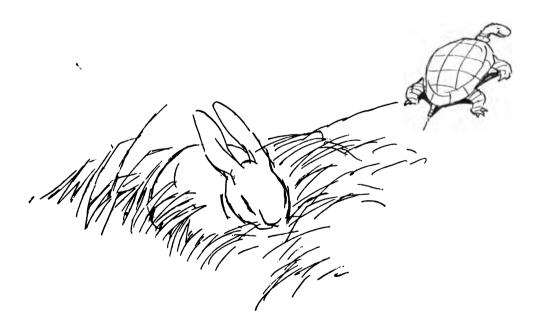
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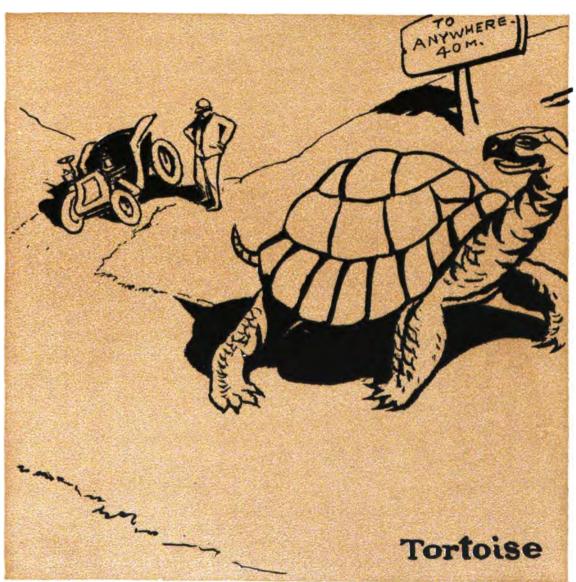
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The Tortoise.



The Tortoise.

THE Tortoise is, to say the Least,
A very Contradictory Beast.
Though he may walk the wide world o'er
He cannot step outside his Door.
The Slowest Creature 'neath the Sun
He's Noted for a Race he Won.
Ignoblest of Created Things
His Shield has Many Quarterings,
And Lastly, though Devoid of Hair
His Combs are Famous everywhere.



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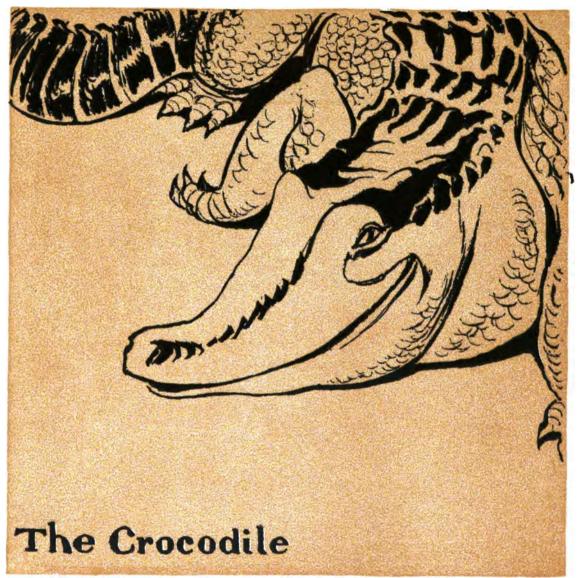
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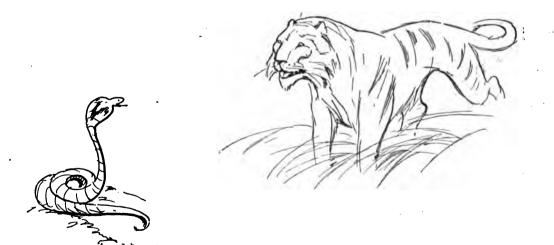
OH, shun the Crocodile, my Child;
He is not Tractable and Mild,
Nor like the Dog, the Friend of Man.
He's built upon a Different Plan,
He is not Diffident or Shy,
He will not shrink when you say "Fie!"
And though he's said Sometimes to Cry,
Be not Responsive to his Wail,
Nor Pat him if he wag his Tail.
This Picture's true to Every Line
Except the Smile. (The Smile is mine.)



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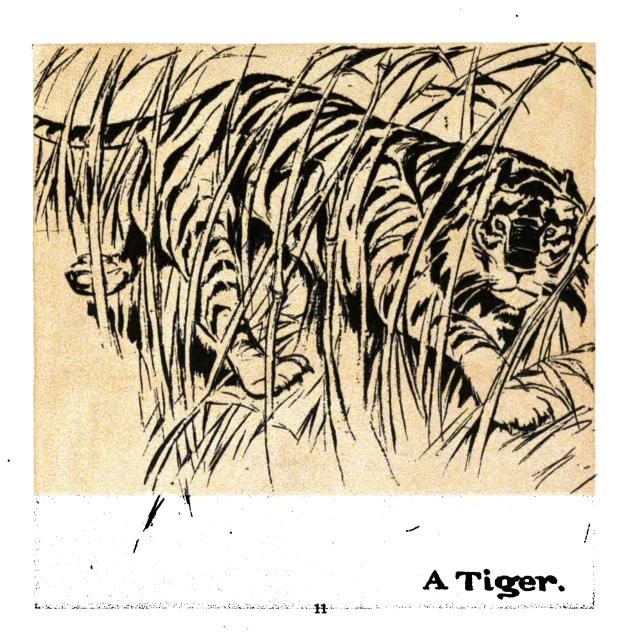
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The Tiger.



The Tiger.

Now Comes the Tiger, Fierce and Bold, His Doublet slashed with Black and Gold. He loves to Roar and Rant and Rage Upon the Jungle's Tragic stage, Where he holds Undisputed Sway As Leading Villain of the Play, His Style is Real, and Intense; Yet though he Moves his Audience He is not Popular at all (He never had a Curtain Call). Whoever stays to see the End Will never more the Play attend; And when his acting goes Amiss, Only the Cobra dares to Hiss.



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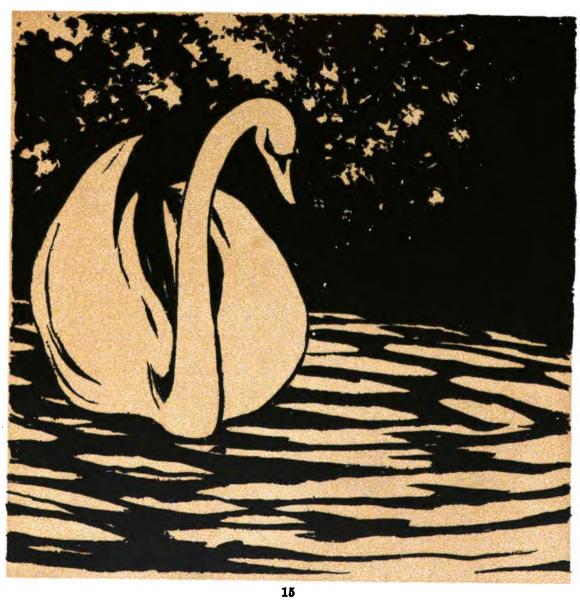
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The Swan.



The Swan.

OH, see the Swan swim to and fro. They say the Swan is Dumb. Oh, no! It is Contraryness, a Crime Common to Singers of Our Time. She has a wondrous Vocal Gift, And yet she does not deign to lift Her Voice, lest Men should Criticise. She will not Sing, until she Dies, Nor will she then her Grave forsake As Opera Singers do, to take An Encore—and she makes but one "Farewell Appearance."—When 'tis done She sings no more. Is not the Swan A Musical Phenomenon?



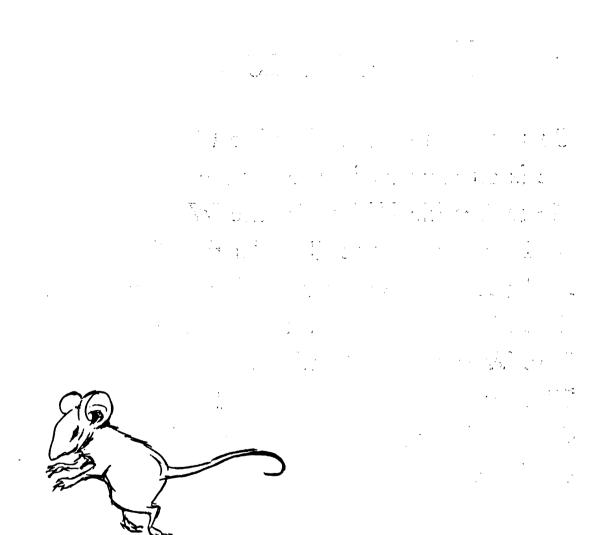
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The Mouse.



The Mouse.

Consider now the Humble Mouse.

He is an Outlaw in the House.

He makes his Hiding in the Wall

And lives upon the Crumbs that fall.

And yet, my Child, although we deem

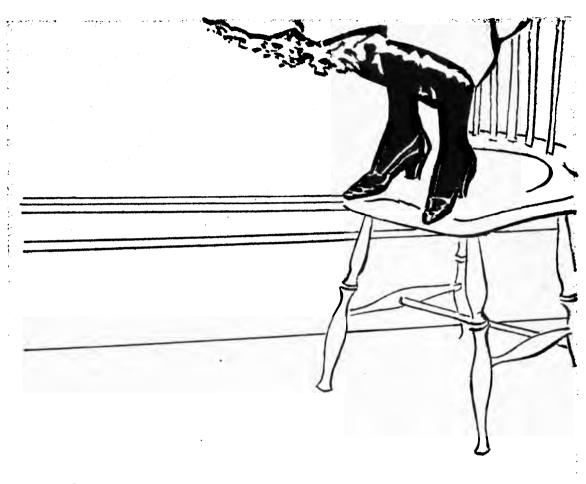
The Mouse a Pest, he stands Supreme,

The Wonder of Creation's Plan,

The only Subject known to Man

Concerning which we're safe to find

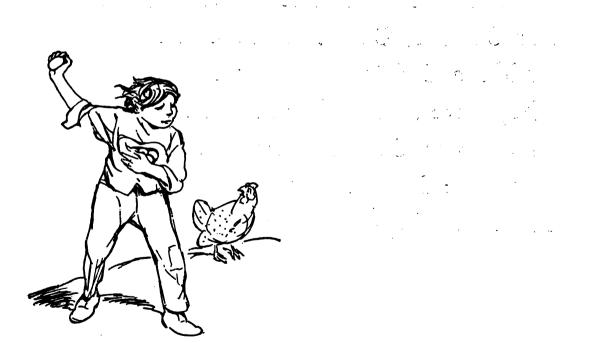
No Woman ever Changed her Mind.





A Mouse

The Hen.



The Hen.

ALAS! my Child, where is the Pen That can do Justice to the Hen? Like Royalty, She goes her way Laying Foundations every day Though not for Public Buildings, yet For Custard, Cake and Omelette. Or if too Old for such a use They have their Fling at some Abuse, As when to Censure Plays Unfit, Upon the Stage they make a Hit, Or at Elections Seal the Fate Of an Obnoxious Candidate. No wonder, Child, we prize the Hen Whose Egg is Mightier than the Pen.



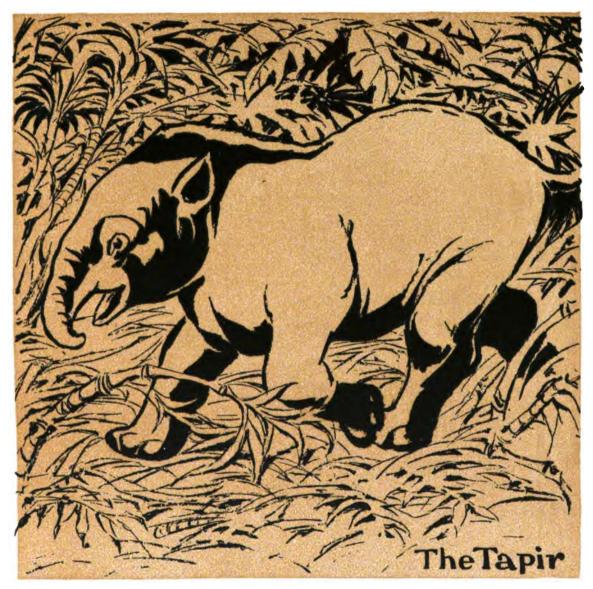
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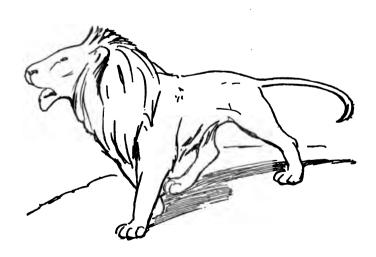
The Tapir.

THE Tapir is a Pachyderm, To use a Scientific Term. But if you meet him, don't allude To such a word; not that it's Rude, But, living in a Foreign Land, The Tapir would not understand, Having no Latin, and Less Greek, And might an awful vengeance wreak, Not dreaming "Pachyderm" implied His own Invulnerable Hide. Oh, when will Scientists see fit To moderate their Terms a bit!



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The Lion.



The Lion.

THE Lion is, if anything, Even "more Royal than the King." His Folks were Something in that Line, Ere man invented Right Divine. You wonder then how He can stoop To things like Jumping through a Hoop. Observe, my Child, He's not alone, There is a Power Behind the Throne Who Curbs His will, and Moulds His Views, And makes Him mind His Ps and Qs. Then if He's Good, she lets Him Take From Her sweet Lips a Piece of Cake. Ah, Child, it's very plain to see, Kings are not what they used to be!



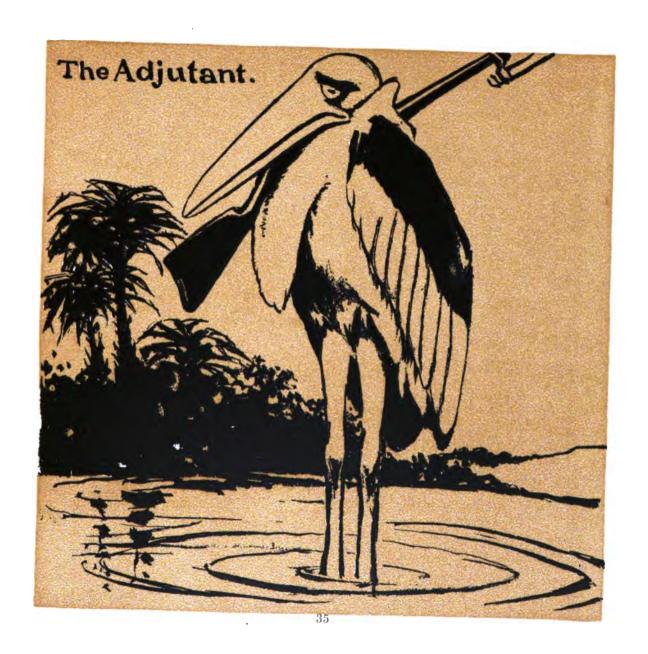
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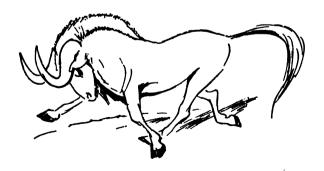
The Adjutant.

THE Adjutant, I may explain, Is a Gigantic sort of Crane. A Realist would dance with Rage To see him pictured on this Page Holding a gun, but though 'tis not Exactly true, it adds a lot; And that is where the Art comes in. The Artist does not care a Pin Always to follow Nature's Groove. It is Art's Mission to Improve On Nature, just as I have done. But if you do not like the Gun, And Realistic Art prefer, Go then to a Photographer.



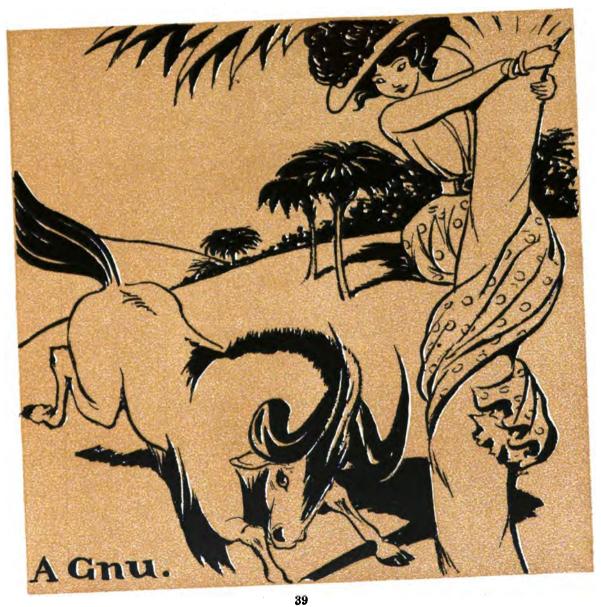
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The Gnu.



The Gnu.

Beware, My Dear, if ever you Should chance to come across a Gnu! You may be Fair, and Tall, and Svelte, But do not hope the Gnu to melt. You may be Gentle, Kind, and True, These Things mean nothing to the Gnu. You may love Beasts, both Great and Small, That won't affect the Gnu at all. You may be Generous, you may Subscribe to the S. P. C. A., All this of no avail will be, The Only Thing's to Climb a Tree. And if there is no Tree to Climb, Don't say you were not warned in Time!



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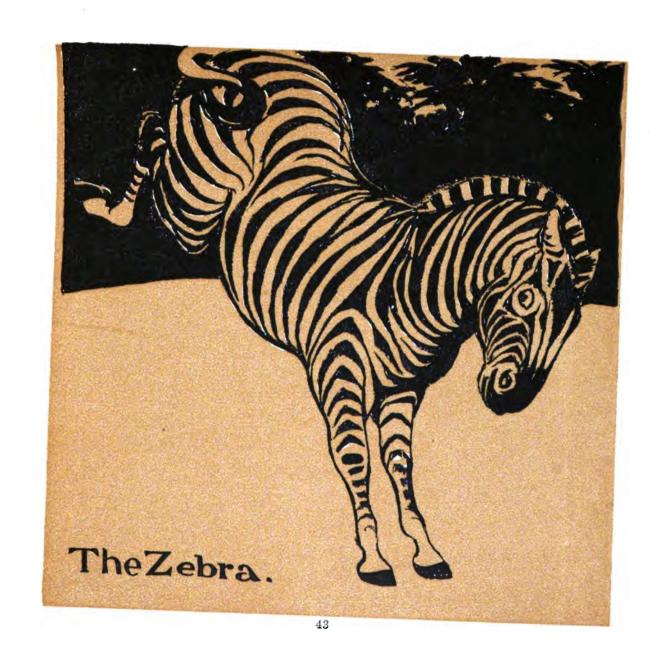
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The Zebra.



The Zebra.

A STORY Teller of Some Note Before My Time, who also wrote Of Animals, tells of An Ass Who for a Lion tried to Pass. But though he wore a Lion's Skin, No one, of course, was Taken In. Even as Æsop's Ass, so fares The Zebra, for although he wears The Tiger's stripes, he does not gain The Tiger's strength, nor yet retain The Simple Virtues of the Ass. He Fails to Shine in either Class. A Plagiarist, who but Befools Himself, and falls between two Schools.



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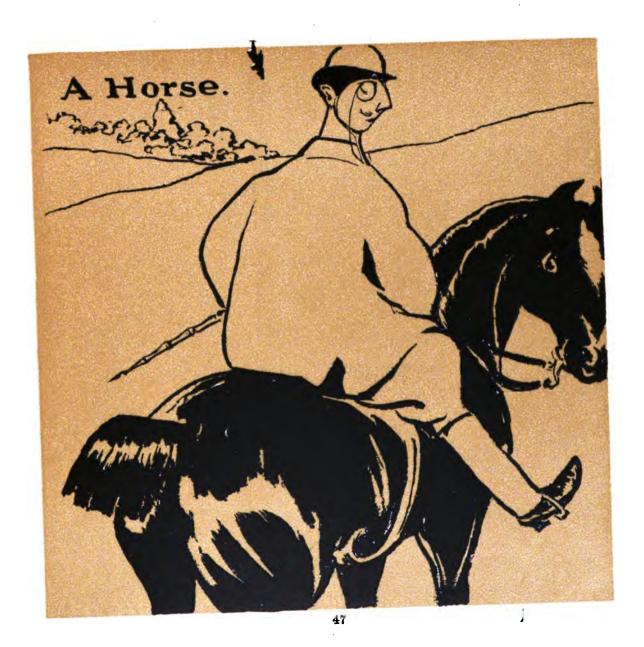
The Horse.



The Horse.

THIS noble Beast—

But, why discourse Upon the Virtues of the Horse? They are too numerous to tell Save when you have a Horse to Sell. No Beast has done so much as He To elevate Society. How could Society Get On (Or off), my Child, if He were gone? We Owe him Much, yet who can say He ever asked us to Repay? Ah, Child! How Bright the World would be, If Creditors were All as He.

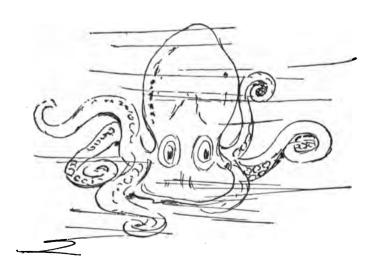


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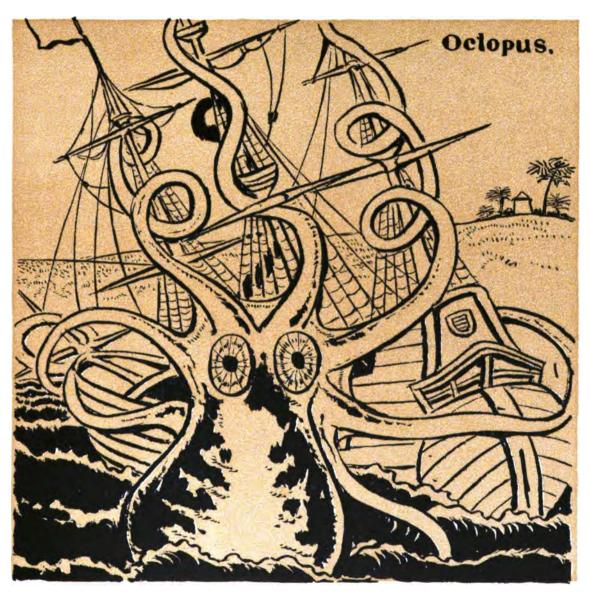
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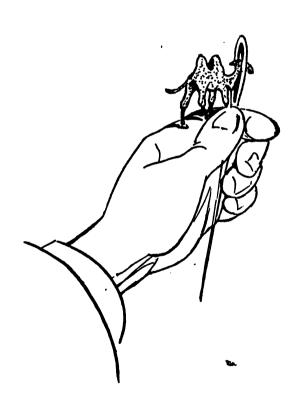
THE Devil fish, or Octopus, Has often been Held Up to us To typify the Greedy Lusts Of Grasping Syndicates and Trusts. This Picture (from an Early Print) Gives us, if true, a Fearful Hint Of his Great Size, and throws some Light On his tremendous Appetite. But let us, Child, whate'er we do, Give the poor Devil fish his Due! The Picture, I forgot to say, Is Quite Untrue in every way. The Moral's Plain as Plain can be: Don't believe Everything you See.



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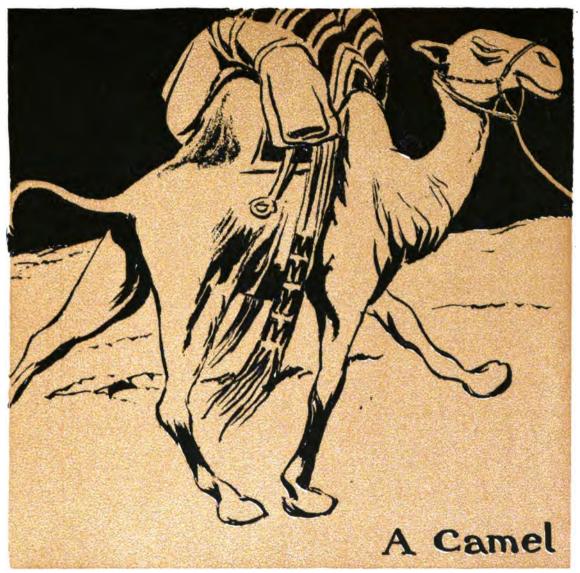
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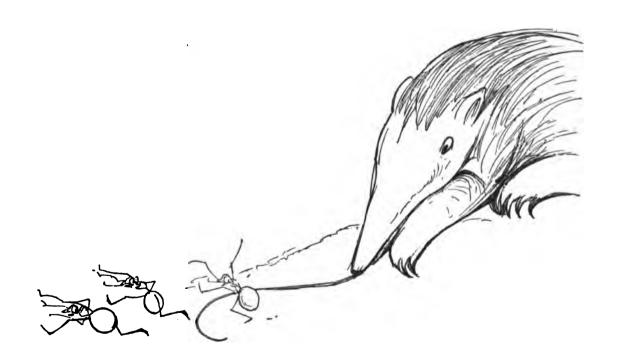
The Camel.

THE Camel may be likened to A Desert Ship. (This is not new.) He is a Dangerous-looking Craft, With Frowning Turrets, Fore and Aft. A Cargo of no little bulk He carries, too, on his great Hulk. We little realize on Earth How much we owe to his great Girth. For should he ever Shrink so Small As through the Needle's Eye to Crawl, Rich men might Climb the Golden Stairs And so leave Nothing to their Heirs.



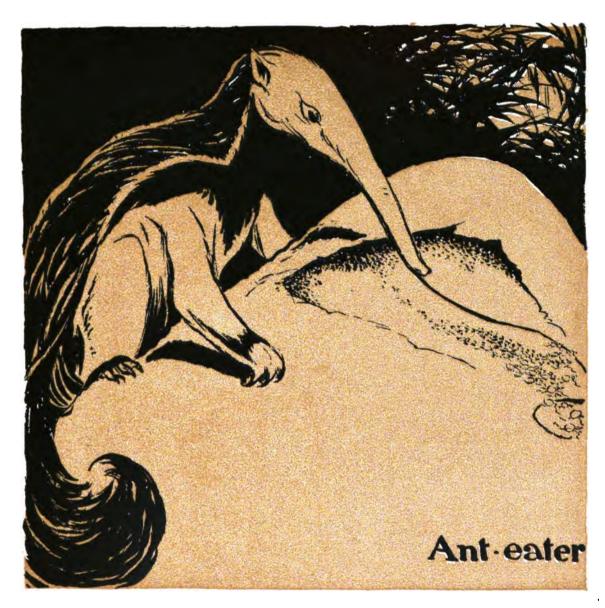
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The Ant Eater.



The Ant Eater.

Some to the Virtuous Ant may go To Learn Her ways. Alas! not so The Ant Eater, he Goes, indeed, But only on the Ant to Feed. Behold him, like Proverbial Swine, On Living Pearls of Wisdom dine! O, Virtuous Ant, whose Moral State In Childhood's Hour we learned to Hate, Whom Copybooks and Proverbs laud; Unless you are a Pious Fraud, In that Dark Moment when you glide Into the Ant Eater's Inside, The Thought some comfort may afford, That Virtue is its Own Reward.

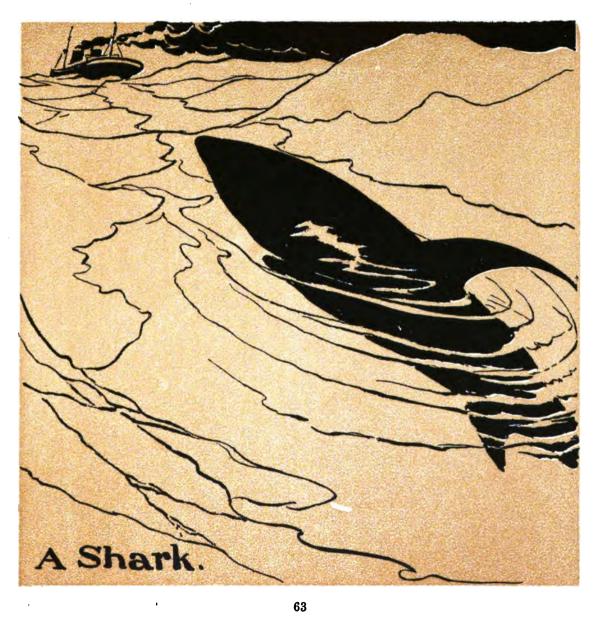


The Shark.



The Shark.

THIS is the Shark, my Child, I pray Do not Recoil or Turn Away; 'Tis true the Shark is not the Pink Of nice Propriety, but Think! Think of the Horrid Sailor Men He has to Swallow now and then, With all their Untold Yarns inside And all their Fearful Oaths beside! Put yourself in his place, my Child, Could you keep Spotless, Undefiled? If only we could make the List Of those on whom He should subsist, No Home, I'll venture to Remark, Would be complete without a Shark.



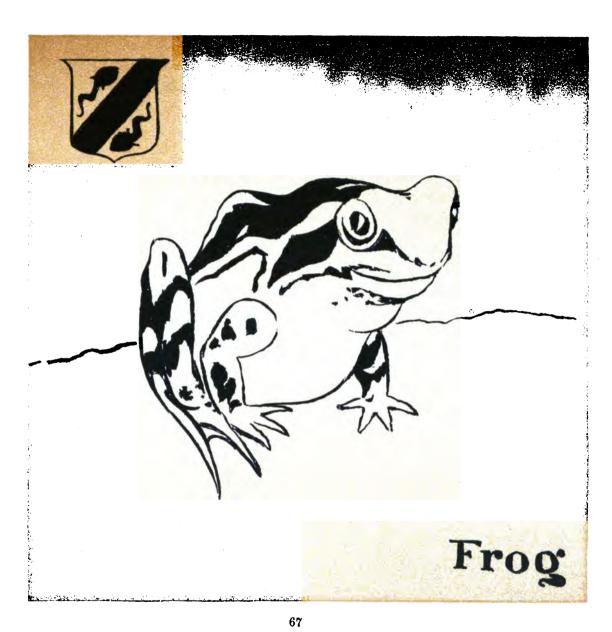


The Frog.



The Frog.

BEHOLD the Frog, and then Contrast
His Present with his Humble Past!
Once but a Tadpole in a Pool,
Now nature's gayly Painted Fool.
So Newly Rich in Legs and Toes,
He's sadly lacking in Repose,
Yet He is never Impolite.
He hops and jumps from sheer delight,
And shows with each Gymnastic Spasm
The Convert's Fresh Enthusiasm.

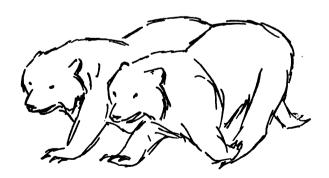




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The Bear.



The Bear.

The Bear is not a Seemly Brute,
He lives on Berries, Nuts, and Fruit,
Although on Children he will Feed
When he is very Cross indeed.
An Ancient Tale may be Recalled,
How once a Prophet, Old and Bald,
Was by Irreverent Children mocked,
Whereat Two She Bears were so Shocked,
They fell upon those Children Rude,
And ate up all the Naughty Brood.

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The Moral is avoid alway A Prophet on his Busy Day.



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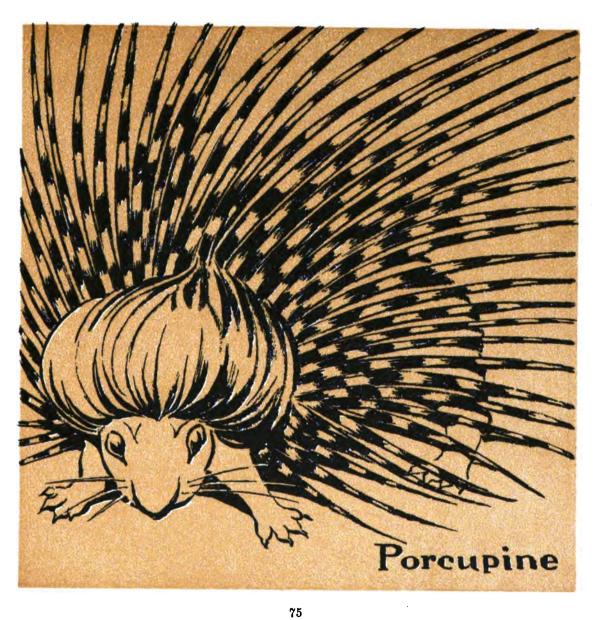
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The Porcupine.



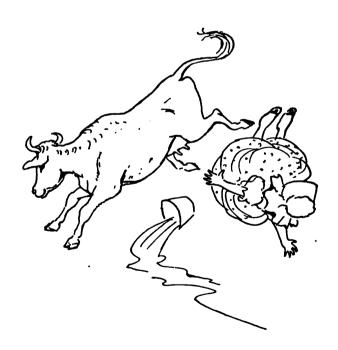
The Porcupine.

I LIKE the Fretful Porcupine— Deception is not in his line. With him there is no Makebelieve, He wears his Thorns upon his sleeve. Unlike some Human Porcupines Who carefully Conceal their Spines, His Bad Points stick out everywhere. 'Tis true he's Fretful as a Bear, And Vainer than a Popinjay, Yet has he One Redeeming Trait That to my heart endears him quite: Though full of Quills, be does not write.



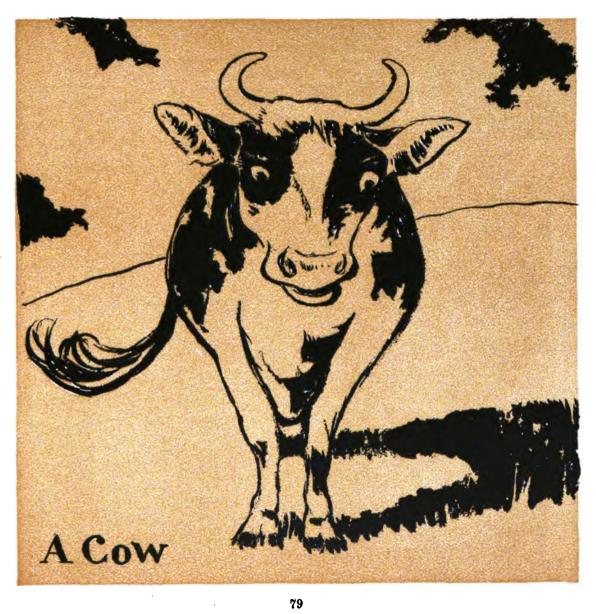
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The Cow.



The Cow.

THE Cow is too well known, I fear, To need an introduction here. If She should vanish from Earth's face It would be Hard to fill Her place; For with the Cow would disappear So much that every one holds Dear. Oh, think of all the Boots and Shoes, Milk Punches, Gladstone Bags, and Stews And Things too Numerous to Count Of which my Child She is the Fount! Let's hope, at least, the Fount may last Until Our Generation's past!



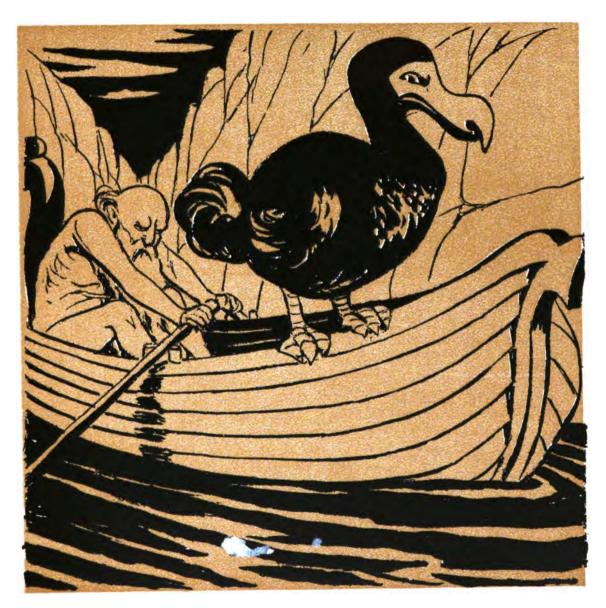
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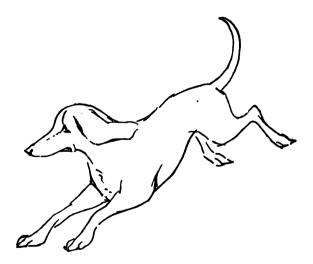


The Do-Do.

THIS Pleasing Bird, I grieve to own Is now Extinct. His Soul has Flown To Parts Unknown, beyond the Styx To Join the Archœopteryx. What Strange, Inexplicable Whim Of Fate, was it to banish him? When Every Day the numbers swell Of Creatures we could spare so well: Insects that Bite, and snakes that sting, And many another Noxious Thing. All these, my Child, had I my Say, Should be Extinct this very Day. Then would I send a special Train To bring the Do-do back again.

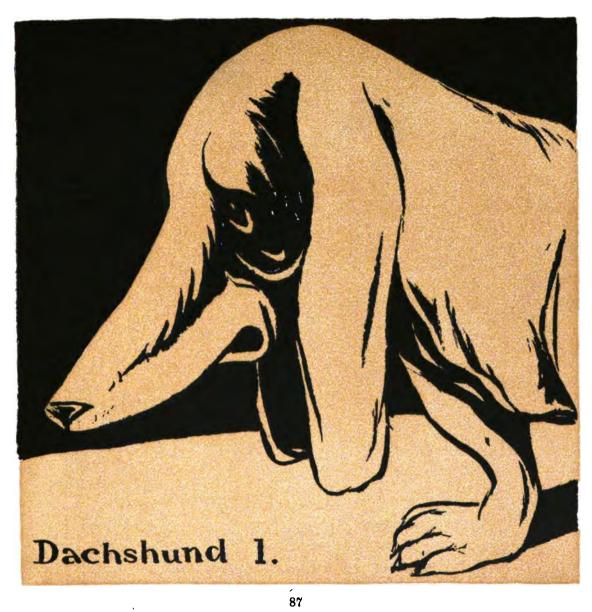


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PART I.

THE Dachshund is the Longest Dog In the whole Canine Catalog. He is so Long—to show him Here He must in Serial Parts appear. This is Part One—Observe his Air Of Lack-a-daisi-cal Despair. I fear he finds it does not Pay To wag a Tail so Far Away, He is so very Long and Low. And yet he was not always so. The Dachshund once was Tall and Fleet As any Dog you'd wish to meet. Alas! He met a Fearful Fate. One Day—but we anticipate. Continued.



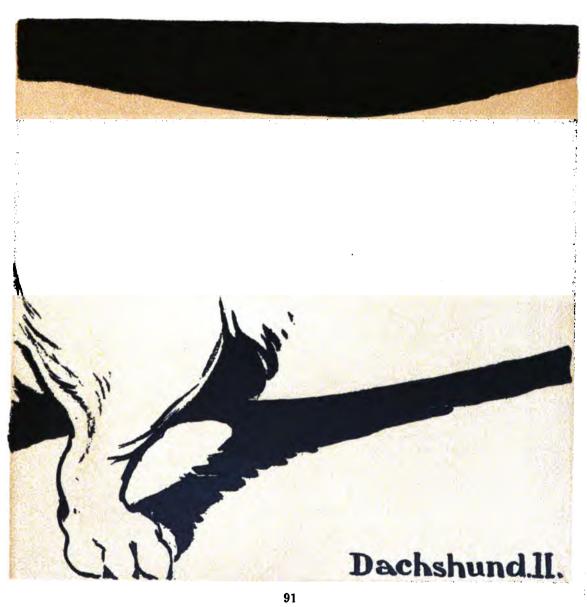
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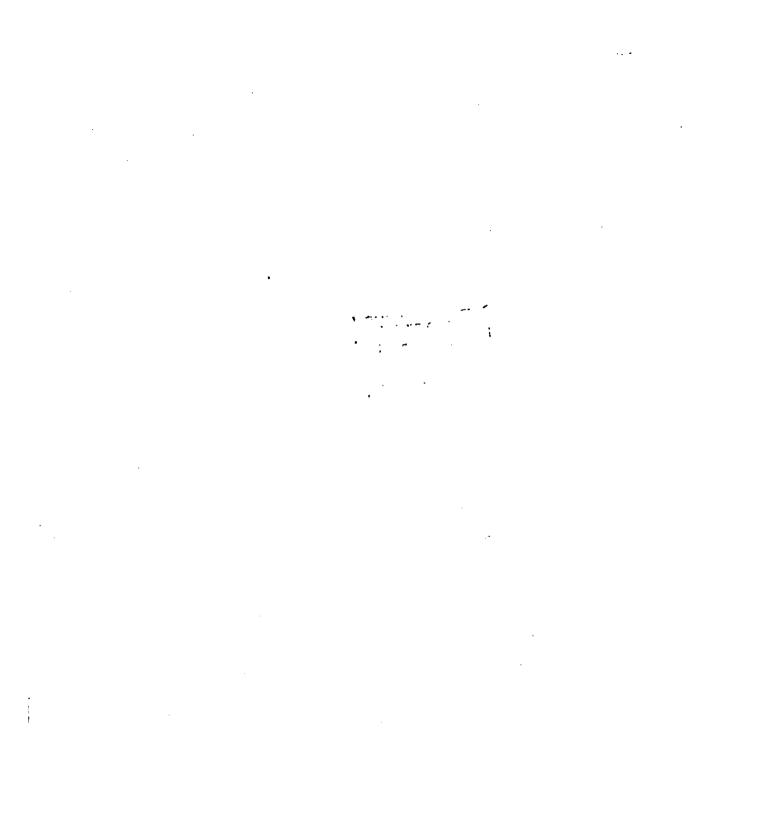
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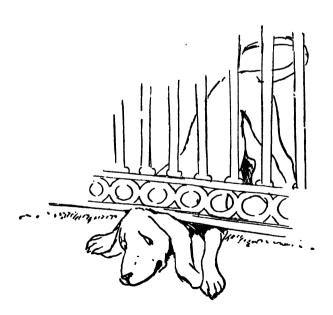


PART II.

AND now, Dear Reader, we must go Back some Six Thousand Years or So To Eden's Lovely Garden, where With an Historic Happy Pair Lived the First Dachshund, Tall and Proud. The Sign that reads "No Dogs Allowed" Hung not in Eden's Garden Bright. And all was Joyous, till One Night The Faithful Dog awoke in Dread, To find the Happy Pair had fled. Madly he searched the Garden round But not a Trace of them he found, When Suddenly he saw a Sight That made him Howl with Grief and Fright. Continued.





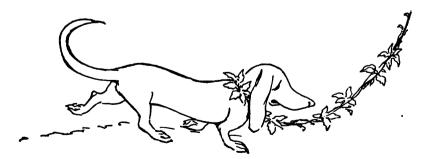


PART III.

HE saw, with mingled Grief and Fear, His Master and his Mistress Dear, Thrust through the quickly closing Gate. He sprang to join them, but too late! In vain he tried to leap the Wall; Only one Hope was left, to Crawl Beneath the Gate. It happened here, By just an inch or two, to clear The ground. With Supercanine strength He Squirmed and Squeezed, until at length, When half way through,—unhappy luck!— He could not move—in short, was stuck. Here we must leave him to pursue The fortunes of the Other Two. Continued.

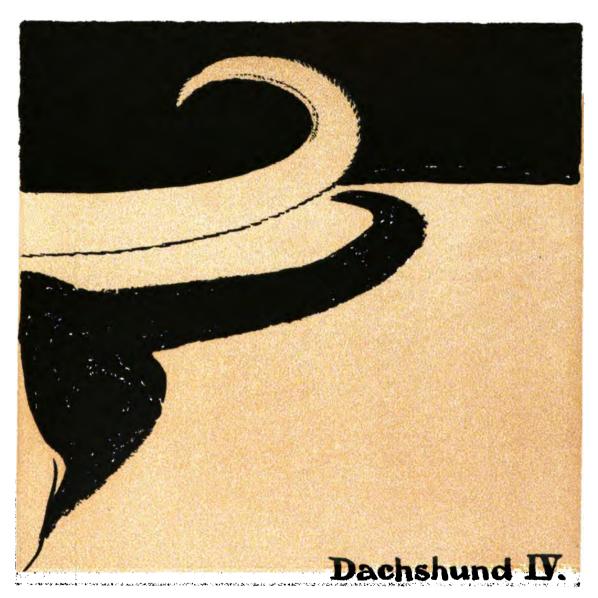


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PART IV.

UNHAPPY Pair! Left to their Fate In a Strange World, Outside the Gate Without a single Friend; but hark! What is that dear familiar Bark? They pause a moment in their Flight And see their Faithful Doggie's plight. With willing Hands, and Patience too, At last they pull him safely through. But Oh, the Difference! No more The Tall and shapely Hound of Yore— This Strange, Flat Dog with Crumpled Feet. But let us draw a veil discreet Upon that meeting . . . Now we know Why the Dachshund is Long and Low. (THE END.)



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